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Dated 21.9.1950.

[Despatch Abstract.]

PROHIBITION - Liquor permits - grant to Govt. servants - Policy Order of the Cabinet - paper Recorded.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

NOTE FOR CABINET.

PROHIBITION . Liquor Permits -Grant to Government Servants.

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Under Section 20(a) of the Madras Prohibition Act, permits may be granted to individuals for the possession and consumption of liquor. The policy to be followed in granting these permits was discussed at a Cabinet meeting held on 24th September 1948. The order passed by the Cabinet then is extracted below:-

> "It was decided that Europeans of the age of 21 and above whether officials of non-officials would be given permits on application. As regards Anglo-Indians and Indians no permits shall be given as a general rule, but in the case of those who are not in Government service and who are above 55 years old, Govt. may consider exceptional cases. As regards officers in the Central Services, it was decided that there would be no exception apart from the Army".

2. Subsequent to the above decision a number of applications for liquor permits were received from Indians below the age of 55. In some cases the applications were supported by medical certificates testifying to the need for the consumption of alcohol by the applicant. The policy relating to the grant of permits was again examined by the Cabinet on 22-6-49 and it was then decided that orders which existed then would stand but that in exceptional cases, permits might be granted on the order of the Minister in charge and the Chief Minister.

3. Under the decision of the Cabinet referred to in para 1 above permits may be granted on application to Europeans of the age of 21 and above even if they are officials. The Board of Revenue has been authorised to issue these permits without submitting them to the Government for orders. As regards Indian officials, permits are now granted only in exceptional cases after circulation to H.M. (Pro) and H.C.M. with reference to the decision in para 2 above. During the year 1949-50 permits were granted to nine Indians, one Anglo-Indian and forty-two European Government Servants including those employed under the Central Government. Recently when the application of a Dt.

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Superintendent of Police came up to Government H.M. (Prohn) minuted as follows:-

> "The very principle of granting permits to Government servants should, I think, be reconsidered. Having allowed to a few people it is ——— becoming extremely difficult to reject others. I learn that Bombay Government has made it a point not to grant a permit to any Govt. servant. That had been the practice here also till June last year. I think that it would be better to revert to that position again. If H.C.M. ——— agrees with my view above, this petition stands rejected."

H.C.M. agreed with the view and the application was rejected. Subsequently no fresh permit has been issued to any Indian Official and recently when an application for the renewal of the permit already granted was received, the permit was renewed for half the quantity of liquor previously allowed and the applicant was informed that the permit will not be renewed next year. Another Indian official has now applied for the renewal of the permit granted to him last year and in this connection it is considered desirable to obtain fresh orders of the cabinet regarding the policy relating to the grant of permits to officials, both Indian and European.

4. The points for the orders are:-

(1) whether permits may continue to be granted to European officials of the age of 21 and above on application as hitherto; and

(2) whether the status quo regarding Indian officials will be maintained, or whether grant of permits to Indian Officials will be stopped altogether.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Meeting of the Council of Ministers held at Fort St. George on Tuesday the 5th September 1950 at 5 P.M.

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The Hon(b)le the Chief Minister presided.

PRESENT:- The Hon. Dr. T.S.S.Rajan.
" Sri M.Bhaktavatsalam.
" Sri B.Gopala Reddi.
" Sri K.Madhava Menon
" Sri H. Sitarama Reddi
" Sri A.B.Shetty
" Sri K.Chandramouli
" Sri B.Parameswaran
" Sri N.sanjiva Reddi. (Sri. C. Perumal Swamy Reddi.
" Sri J.L.P.Roche Victoria.

AGENDA:

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17. Prohibition - Liquor permits - Grant to Govt. servants.

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ORDER:

The existing position will continue.

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Please see the order of the Cabinet at page 5 c.f. The order is that the existing position will continue. The existing position is that permits may be granted to Indian Officials in exceptional cases on the order of the Minister in Charge of Prohibition and the Chief Minister.

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PROHIBITION - Liquor Permits-grant to Government servants-Policy - Order of the Cabinet - Papers Recorded.

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